## Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve

# August 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Site Locator Key  ACC – Acadian Cultural Center, Lafayette BP – Barataria Preserve, Marrero CB – Chalmette Battlefield, Chalmette FQ – French Quarter Visitor Center, New Orleans PACC – Prairie Acadian Cultural Center, Eunice WACC – Wetlands Acadian Cultural Center, Thibodaux			1	2	3 wetlands walk 10:00am BP	4 wetlands walk 10:00am BP folklife demonstrations 3:00-6:00pm PACC Rendez-vous des Cajuns 6:00pm PACC
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riverfront history stroll 9:30am FQ
Battle of New Orleans talk 2:45pm CB
ranger talk 2:45pm ACC
special exhibits see listings on back

### **Calendar Listings**

**Cajun music jam** 5:30-7:00pm – Sit in with local musicians or just enjoy! Free. **Wetlands Acadian Cultural Center**, 314 Saint Mary St., **Thibodaux**, 985-448-1375.

**Cercle Francophone** 5:30-7:00pm – Come pass a good time speaking French (Cajun or otherwise) and help preserve French in Louisiana. Free. **Wetlands Acadian Cultural Center**, 314 Saint Mary St., **Thibodaux**, 985-448-1375.

**Folklife demonstrations** 3:00-6:00pm – Discover the Cajun way of music, dancing, quilting, and more. Free. **Prairie Acadian Cultural Center**, 250 West Park Avenue, **Eunice**, 337-457-8499.

**Rendez-vous des Cajuns** 6:00pm – At Liberty Theater next door to center. Live Cajun and zydeco music. **Prairie Acadian Cultural Center**, 250 West Park Avenue, **Eunice**, 337-457-8499. Call the theater at 337-457-7389 for ticket information.

**Wetlands walk** 10:00am – Explore wild Louisiana on a ranger-guided walk through swamp and marsh. Free. **Barataria Preserve**, 6588 Barataria Blvd., **Marrero**, 504-689-3690 ext. 10.

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**Battle of New Orleans talk** 2:45pm - Discover 1815's Battle of New Orleans on the battlefield where it happened. Time is approximate; talk takes place when *Creole Queen* excursion boat arrives. Free. **Chalmette Battlefield**, 8606 West St. Bernard Hwy., **Chalmette**, 504-281-0510.

Ranger talk 2:45pm – Rangers share local history and culture. Free. Acadian Cultural Center, 501 Fisher Road, Lafayette, 337-232-0789 ext. 11.

**Riverfront history stroll** 9:30 am - Walk along the Mississippi River levee for a bird's eye view of the French Quarter and an overview of New Orleans history. 25 free tickets given out at 9:00am; first-come, first-served. Please note: no walk on Wednesday, August 1; Sunday, August 12; or Monday, August 13. **French Quarter Visitor Center**, 419 Decatur Street, **New Orleans**, 504-589-2636 ext. 1.

#### **Special Exhibits**

**Bayou Map** – Hand-painted map based on historical maps offers a new way to look at Louisiana. Through August 31. Free. **Acadian Cultural Center**, 501 Fisher Road, **Lafayette**, 337-232-0789 ext. 11.

Becoming Louisiana: The Path to Statehood – Created by curator Herman Mhire, graphic designer Kate Ferry, and historian Charles Elliot, the exhibit documents the role that Louisiana's geography and cultural heritage played when Louisiana became the 18th state. August 16 through September 27. Free. Prairie Acadian Cultural Center, 250 West Park Avenue, Eunice, 337-457-8499.

**The Main Streets of Louisiana** – Based on the book of the same name by Anne Butler and featuring the photographs of Henry Cancienne, the exhibit provides a glimpse of life in big cities, tiny towns, and everything in between. Free. August 2 through September 28. **Wetlands Acadian Cultural Center**, 314 Saint Mary St., **Thibodaux**, 985-448-1375.



For more information or upcoming months, visit www.nps.gov/jela/planyourvisit/events.htm